

What is Tax Relief?

The Office of the City Treasurer administers a state funded Tax Relief Program to help taxpayers 65 or older, disabled citizens, 100% service disabled veterans, and widow(er) of 100% service disabled veterans pay their property taxes. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for the program. Please note that Tax Relief benefits are available for both City and County taxes.

More information can be found at the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's website: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/pa/property-taxes/property-tax-programs/tax-relief.html>

The Tax Relief Credit

The Tax Relief Credit is a rebate and does not have to be paid back unless it is later determined that the recipient was not eligible for the program. For 2020, the maximum tax relief credit is:

- \$148.47 elderly and disabled
 - \$895.96 disabled vet, widow(er) of disabled vet, or spouse of a soldier killed in action
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Do I Qualify for Tax Relief?

Eligibility Category Elderly Homeowner

- Are you or will be 65 years or older by 12/31/2020?
- Do you own and live in a home in the City of Chattanooga that is your primary residence?
- Is the total income for you, your spouse, and all parties listed on your property deed less than \$30,700 for the 2019 fiscal year?

Eligibility Category Disabled Homeowner

- Do you have a total or permanent disability rating from the Social Security Administration that occurred before 12/31/2020?
- Do you own and live in a home in the City of Chattanooga that is your primary residence?
- Is the total income for you, your spouse, and all parties listed on your property deed less than \$30,700 for the 2019 fiscal year?

Eligibility Category Disabled Veteran Homeowner

- Do you have a 100% total and permanent disability rating from a service-connected disability?
- Must not have been dishonorably discharged from any armed services.

Eligibility Category Widow(er) of Disabled Veteran Homeowner

- Property tax relief shall also be extended to the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who, at the time of the disabled veteran's death, was eligible for disabled veterans' property tax relief. For more specifics see property tax relief pamphlet (6) for details.

Tax Relief Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can I start the application process?

Applications can be submitted October 1, 2020 through April 6, 2021

2. Are tax relief recipients exempt from paying property taxes?

No. Tax relief is payment by the State of Tennessee to reimburse homeowners meeting certain eligibility requirements, for a part or all of paid property taxes. Tax relief is not an exemption. You still receive your tax bill(s) and are responsible for paying your property taxes each year.

3. How much tax relief will I get?

The amount varies depending on your property assessment and your city rate.

4. Will my tax relief check be the same each year?

The amount may vary year to year depending on your property assessment and your county or city tax rate.

5. Can I receive relief for more than one property?

No. You can only receive tax relief on your primary residence in any given tax year.

6. What happens next year if I am approved for tax relief?

You will receive a property tax relief voucher when you receive your property tax bill(s). You will need to present the voucher(s) to the City Treasurer before the deadline date along with payment of any balance due.

7. Is a veteran being rated 100% service-connected the same as having a total and permanent rating from a service-connected disability?

No.

8. Can I receive tax relief if I am unable to provide my spouse's information/income/signature?

No. The income of the applicant's spouse is required to determine eligibility regardless of residency or ownership.

9. How can I get a mobile home title in my name?

A mobile home title is obtained by contracting your County Court Clerk